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PHOENIX PREPARES TO RECEIVE
AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 23.—Though the programme for the seventeenth annual convention of the American Mining Congress, to be held in Phoenix December 7-11, is not complete, it is already certain that the session will be the most important in the history of that organization. Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, workmen's compensation, mine taxation, mining investments, mapping of water supply in desert regions, federal control of water power, and many other subjects of vital interest are to come up for consideration. Men of international reputation, such as John Hays Hammond, Otto Ruhl and Senator John F. Shafroth, will deliver addresses and take part in the discussions.

Hon. James A. Emery, of Washington, will open the discussion on compulsory arbitration. Robert Walker and Samuel O. Dunne, of Chicago, will participate. Right along the same line, Charles Piez, also of Chicago, will speak on "The Cost of Strikes."

D. L. Webb, an attorney of Denver and one of the world's leading authorities on mine taxation, is chairman of the congress's committee on taxation of metalliferous mines and will present an important report. No state has an entirely satisfactory mine tax law and this committee may have some solution of the perplexing problem to offer.

Time will be given to discussion of other phases of the mine tax question. Should mines be valued for taxation at the prices asked by their owners? Should the state use its power to prevent mining property

being held for purely speculative purposes? These questions and many more will be put squarely up to the delegates.

A resolution will be introduced asking the geological survey to make a complete survey of underground water supply in arid regions of the west. At present the government has no data at all on underground water in wide areas, and data which it has on the subject is far from complete or reliable. It is contended by mining men that at small expense the government can plot the arid regions into mile squares and put down wells at each intersection. This work naturally is of far more importance to the homeseeker and farmer than to the miner or prospector.

Otto Ruhl, of Joplin, Missouri, is the world's leading authority on zinc mining. It was he who gathered and compiled the mass of statistics on zinc and lead which was presented to congress while the Democratic tariff bill was incubating. He will discuss the needs of the zinc mining industry.

Falcon Joslyn built a railroad up Copper river in Alaska, overcoming enormous difficulties of a nature never before encountered in railroad construction. Later he sold the road to the government for less than it cost to construct, just because he wanted to see it completed. He will be at the mining congress and tell how he built the road, also something of Alaska.

John Hays Hammond, the highest paid mining engineer in the world, has promised to speak, but has not made his subject known.

tanglements and breastworks of sandbags bar all paths leading from possible landing places to the tops of the chalky cliffs which surround the island. Trenches for riflemen and field guns have been dug in strategic points all along the coast.

Hundreds of thousands of young soldiers have been giving practical lessons in digging entrenchments from one end of England to the other. And the work has all been directed by military experts who saw to it that earthworks were erected where it was possible they might be useful in case some great disaster should befall the English navy.

GET READY FOR EXPOSITION
SEASON IN SAN FRANCISCO

The Southern Pacific is out with two timely folders telling all about the Panama Pacific Exposition that is rapidly approaching the opening date. These folders are distinctive from other issues, as they are printed in black and white covers to bring out the night attractions of the exposition. These pamphlets tell what to see and how to see from the moment the visitor steps ashore on the Embarcadero to the second when he takes a parting look at the magnificent features of the grounds that are so wonderfully arranged.

THEY LOOKED GOOD ENOUGH
BUT WERE WORTHLESS

A negro entered the courthouse at Winnemucca and grabbed a lot of paid warrants of the face value of \$40,000 and skipped out. He was caught.

CLOVER VALLEY SUFFERS SERIOUS LOSS
FROM THE BURNING OF LARGE AREA

Last Friday a portion of the area of Clover valley was devastated by fire, and a loss aggregating not less than \$20,000 or \$25,000 occurred. Word first came here by telephone that a fire had broken out on the ranch of Isaac Wiseman and that there was great danger of the flames sweeping over the entire valley, says the Wells Herald. A very heavy wind, in fact a gale, was blowing and great clouds of smoke rising over the hills to the south of Wells was notification that the fire was very serious. Shortly after the first alarm was given here a call for help came from the valley and several automobiles well loaded with volunteers sped to the scene to lend their aid.

The fire was finally brought under control late in the afternoon, after five or six sections of fine pasture had been ruined and some 2,000 tons of hay, stacked in some fifty yards, had been consumed.

The fire started on the ranch of

Isaac Wiseman, who the previous day, when it was calm, had started a fire to burn some brush. The entire country was very dry and this fire had not become entirely extinguished when the heavy wind of Friday arose, fanning the dormant embers into flame which soon consumed into flame which soon consumed before it was noticed the fire swept onward, aided in its greed by the gale. The loss may not fall below thirty and may reach thirty-five thousand dollars. All the cabins, corrals and other structures in the field belonging to the Ox Yoke company were burned.

Those who lost by the fire were I. F. Wiseman, Jas. Ralph, who had purchased hay at Wiseman's ranch and E. C. Wood's, William Johnson, Chase & Moore, E. C. Wood, Steele Brothers, W. B. Gibbs, H. A. Agee, S. C. Weeks, S. T. Weeks and the Ox Yoke company.

FIRST WOMEN DRAWN
ON A JURY IN RENOFIRST NEVADA WOMAN CALLED
FOR JURY DUTY IN THE
CITY OF RENO.

Women under the new dispensation in Nevada need not vote unless they so desire, but serving on juries—that is another matter already.

On this point Mrs. R. L. Fulton yesterday received the shock of her life when she got a paper bearing the sheriff's signature commanding her to appear for jury duty before Judge Salisbury's court next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

"Here is a subpoena," said Mr. Fulton, handing the paper to his wife. "It commands you to serve on the jury."

"But I do not wish to serve on the horrid jury," said Mrs. Fulton.

"Well, you ladies have the vote now and all that goes with it," said Fulton, "and I don't see and way out of it."

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Mrs. Fulton, "I just knew there would be a lot of trouble over this voting."

"But it was only a joke. Mr. Fulton received the subpoena, directed to himself. He prefixed the title "Mrs." before his own name on the subpoena and delivered it to his wife.

The time will come, however, when women will be called on to serve upon juries in Nevada. The names of talesmen and women for juries are taken from the list of registered voters. There are none registered yet.

SHEEPMEN SUFFER
WAR QUARANTINE

Sheriff Harris has gone to the eastern part of the county to enforce the quarantine on sheep that are coming in from Idaho and Utah. This is going to work a hardship on the sheepmen of the two outside states, as they have driven their bands from 200 to 300 miles from the summer grazing grounds and it would probably be necessary for them to feed the sheep at some other

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INVASION PLANS
BRING OUT MANY
NOVEL THEORIES

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Remarkable rumors are circulating in London concerning the means the Germans expect to use in reaching England. Guns which can shoot across the strait of Dover, submarine transports capable of landing large detachments of soldiers on the English coast, and submarine forts along the Belgian coast are among the mysterious devices gossip accredits Germany as having in reserve.

The activity of the Germans in preparing fortifications of some sort at Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast north of Ostend and not far from the mouth of the Scheldt, has given rise to many alarming stories. One is that caissons are being sunk from which the Germans will be able to fire torpedoes. These caissons are supposed to be permanent and of such character that they can also be used to conceal disappearing guns which can in an emergency be raised for use above the water.

"Christmas dinner in London" is the latest slogan of the German troops along the Belgian coast. Officers and men have constantly circulated the report that they expect to invade England. While English officials have said little about a possible invasion, there has been no lack of preparation to receive the onslaughts of any force of Germans which might manage to cross the twenty miles of water between Dover and Calais.

English aeroplanes and dirigibles are constantly on the alert. The sea is fairly alive with naval craft of all descriptions. Mines are carefully placed, and any landing in England would doubtless be made at terrible cost. If such a landing be possible, and once landed an enemy would find coast artillery and every possible sort of obstruction standing between the seacoast and London. Wire on